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EBL General Assembly

The **EBL General Assembly** will be held on today at 9.30 on the 3rd floor Room no. 1 in the Groupama Arena.

> Agenda: 09.30

Extraordinary General Assembly 10.00 Ordinary General Assembly

Cocktails will follow EBL President's **Press Conference**

A European Bridge League Press Conference will be held on Saturday, June 25th at 11.00 a.m. on the third floor Room no. 1 in the Groupama Arena

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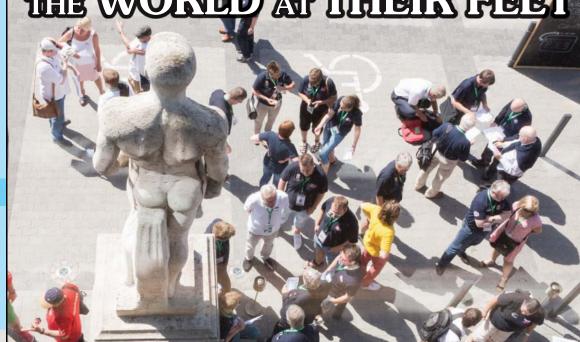
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With only two days remaining, those at the right end of the table can start to dream of securing a trip to Lyon to contest the 2017 World Bridge Championships. However, with many of the leading teams still to meet each other, there is still time for a reversal of fortune. In the Open Championship France and Monaco are vying for top spot with France

having a narrow 0.05 VP advantage, Sweden are in third.

The Women's title appears to lie between Poland, England & France who top the rankings with only 2.5 VPs separating first and third, and currently lead by fifteen VPs over fourth place. Israel consolidated their lead in the Seniors', with Austria and Italy leading the pack.

THE CLOSING CEREMONY AND THE PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY OF THE 53RD EUROPEAN BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY 25^{TH} JUNE AT 19.30 ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE GROUPAMA ARENA.

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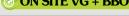
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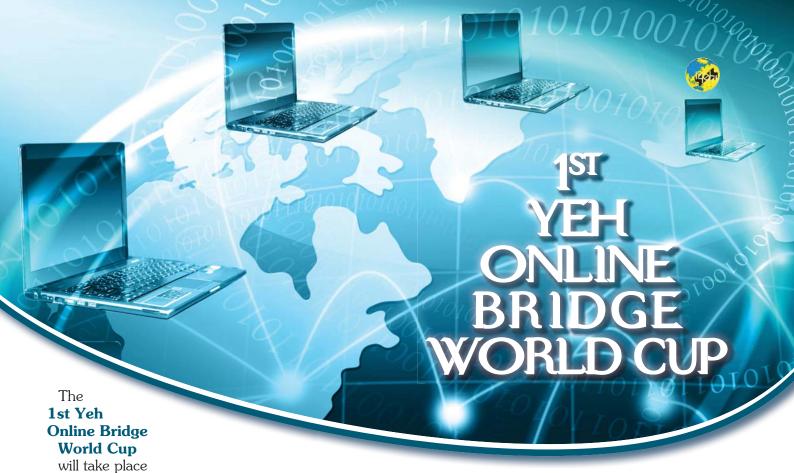






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31 October - 2 November 2016

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This will be the first live online Bridge Show, featuring the greatest champions and biggest personalities associated with the game and a top class team of commentators who will analyze the deals for the watching online spectators.

Team **EUROPE-LAVAZZA** (based in Turin at the headquarters of Lavazza) will include the women who currently hold the top two positions in the world rankings, Sylvie Willard and Bénédicte Cronier, alongside Giorgio Duboin, Augustin Madala, and another pair to be announced.

Team **USA-BBO** team (based in Seattle) will be Bob Hamman (the all time number 1 in the world rankings) playing with Jill Meyers (number 2 on the all time women's list) Fred Gitelman & Sherri Winestock and Bill Gates and Sharon Osberg.

Team **CCBA** (based in Beijing) will comprise Mr Zeng Peiyan, former vice premier for economy & General secretary of the Asian Economic Forum, Mr Guo Jinlong, former Mayor of Beijing plus Chinese World Champions.

Team CHEN YEH (also based in Beijing) will include Mr Yeh who will be joined by World Champions.

At each venue, remotely controlled webcams will monitor each player, steaming live images across the Internet. Every match will be broadcast live using BBO & Ourgame.

The best bridge journalists from around the world will cover the event with voice and written commentaries and there will be instant Daily Bulletins online. Social media will be utilised to the fullest extent with dedicated accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

The first match will start at 09.00 (US PDT time) 17.00 (European CEST) on 31 October with Bill Gates playing for the USA against Lavazza; the schedule is as follows:

Daily Time Schedule

Turin matches: 10.00,17.00 or 21.00 (European CEST) **Seattle matches**: 09.00, 13.00, 19.00 or 22.00 (US PDT time) **Beijing matches**: 10.00,17/18.00 or 21/22.00 (China time)

Starting Monday 31 October 2016

China v Chinese Taipei RR1 15.00 RR2 21/22.00 (Beijing & Taipei time)

USA v Europe RR1 09.00 RR2 13.00 (Seattle time)

More information will be available shortly











ADVENTURES WITH OTTLIK

by Mark Horton

SOLUTION TO YESTERDAY'S PROBLEM

Dealer West. None Vul.

4 3

♥ A962

♦ Q953

8 8 5 4 3

♠ AQ984

♥ J3

♦ KJ10876

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			J
		\Diamond	A 9 6 2
		\Diamond	Q 9 5 3
		*	8543
\Diamond	K 10 7 5 K 10 5 A 4 A J 9 2	♦ ♡ ♦	N J62 W E S ♥ Q874 ♦ 2 ♣ KQ1076 AQ984 J3 KJ10876
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The auction reveals four spades with West, probably to the king. Therefore your best chance is to play East for the jack or ten (or both) and set up your spades with a single ruff while discarding three hearts from

the table: starting, of course, with a deep finesse and

West	North	East	South
1NT*	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2 ^	Pass	3♣*	3♦
4♣	4♦	5♣	5♦
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All Pass

1NT 12-14

2♣ Stayman

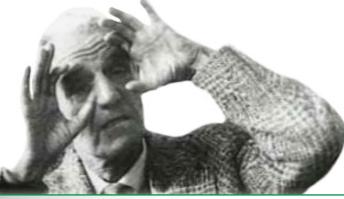
3♣ To play

Play Instructions: 5\$\times\$ by South.

West to lead $\Diamond A$ and a second diamond.

continuing with a ruffing finesse against the king.

So win the second diamond in dummy and lead a spade to the nine and king. Ruff the club ace, then play the spade ace pitching a heart and lead out the spade queen to pin the jack. Then you can discard both dummy's remaining hearts on your good spades and ruff a heart on the board.



NEW PROBLEM

Dealer South. Both Vul.

↑ 753♡ K652

♦ A 6 4

♣ Q 10 6

♠ 82♡ 10974

♦ Q93
♣ 8532

N W E S

♠ Q 10 9 6♡ —

♦ KJ1085
• K974

• AKJ4

♡ AQJ83◇ 72

A J

West	North	East	South
_	_	_	1♡
Pass	2♡	Dble	Rdbl
Pass	Pass	2 ♠	Dble
3♣	Pass	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4◊*	Pass	6♡
All Pass			

A somewhat ambitious auction leads to a contract of 6% by South.

West leads the $\diamondsuit 3$, and East will continue diamonds if and when he is on lead.

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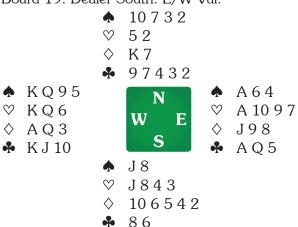




A HELPING HAND

by András Kovács

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



West	North	East	South
Magyar	Sacristan	Szappanos	Passarinho
			Pass
2NT	Pass	6NT	All Pass

North led the two of spades for the four, jack and king.

The basic question is the meaning of the ♠2 lead. I think it's fourth best, and from another point of view, from ♠102 North does not generally lead the deuce.

At trick two declarer leads the jack of clubs to dummy's queen and plays a diamond to the queen and king. Declarer wins the diamond return and plays $\Diamond A$ and a diamond to the jack, North discarding the five of hearts - a big help!

Can you imagine that North - who sees the dummy's $\heartsuit A1097$ - will throw a heart from the jack?

When declarer plays two more rounds of clubs, finishing in dummy he can deduce that North has five clubs, two diamonds and most probably four spades (or 3) but the heart jack likely never...

At the table, West played clubs finishing in the hand, so he hadn't enough entries for the backwards finesse – one down...

This slam was bid at all 41 tables, made only on 5, twice on the lead of the $\heartsuit 3$ lead, and 3 times after a \clubsuit lead.



EBL Press Conference Saturday, 25th June 2016

The EBL will hold a Press Conference on the venue's third Floor in Room #1 at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Present will be The President of the EBL Yves Aubry, The President of the Hungarian Bridge Federation Geza Homonnay, The President of the IBPA Patrick Jourdain, EBL Treasurer Josef Harsanyi and EBL Championships Committee Chairman Jan Kamras.







IRELAND vs MONACO

by Jos Jacobs

Open Teams, Round 25

Here are a few highlights from the Ireland-Monaco match. When this match was played on Wednesday late afternoon, Monaco were cruising comfortably in 4^{th} position, whereas Ireland were only in with a remote chance of eventually making it to the top six (seven). They lay in 12^{th} place with about 20 V.P. to catch up.

Board 7 certainly did their chase no good.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

★ K84♡ Q4◇ J7

♣ AKQ1063

♠ 973♡ A10832

♦ K98
♣ 75

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♦ J 10 2

♥ K975♦ Q532

98

♠ AQ65♡ J6

♦ A 10 6 4

♣ J42

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Garvey	Helness	Carroll
			1♣*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♡	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

 $1\clubsuit$ was balanced, 11-13 and $2\spadesuit$ showed (this time) a GF hand with a minor. When both North and South thought they had shown half a heart stopper, the auction came to rest in 3NT, as it did at so many of the other tables. One down, Monaco +100.

Closed Room

North	East	South
Multon	Hanlon	Zimmermann
		$1 \diamondsuit$
2♣	2 %	3♣
3♡*	Dble	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦
5 ♣	All Pass	
	Multon 2♣ 3♡* 3♠	MultonHanlon $2 \clubsuit$ $2 \heartsuit$ $3 \heartsuit^*$ Dble $3 \spadesuit$ Pass

The intervention made it easy for N/S to find out about their lack of a serious heart stopper so they settled for 5, which only needed a favourable break in spades (with an outside additional chance of some diamond pressure) to get rid of the diamond loser. Monaco +600 and 12 IMPs to them.





On board 11, the level of intervention made all the difference:

Board 11. Dealer South None Vul

er S	outh. None	Vul.	
\spadesuit	A J 3		
\Diamond	A 9 8 5		
\Diamond	ΑQ		
•	Q 9 7 3		
	N	\spadesuit	Q 10 9 2
		\Diamond	Q
	W E	\Diamond	KJ974
	S	•	5 4 2
\spadesuit	K 8 6 4		
\Diamond	763		
\Diamond	863		
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West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Garvey	Helness	Carroll
			Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	Pass
2◊*	Pass	2 %	Dble
All Pass			

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1NT was a downgraded 14-16 and 20 showed hearts (or spades and a minor). When South showed some strength by doubling, North was happy to sit. Down two, +300, as the defence got four black top tricks, two red aces and a diamond ruff. This was a good result for Ireland as there was no game on for N/S.



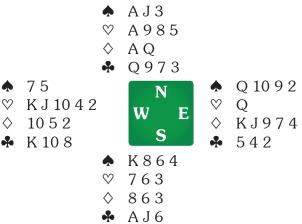
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McGann	Multon	Hanlon	Zimmermann
			Pass
Pass	1♣	1♦	1 %
Dble	1NT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

South's 1♥ showed spades and West's double showed hearts. 1NT was a strong NT.

On this auction, East led the $\heartsuit Q$, which held the trick, and continued a club. West won his king and shifted to a diamond. East won the king and returned the suit, so when declarer tried the spade finesse later on, he was down two. Ireland another +100, good for 9 IMPs to them.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Garvey	Helness	Carroll
		1 %	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Over East's 1%, South could simply overcall 1NT and reach the normal contract. Nine easy enough tricks, Ireland +400.

In the other room, the 14-16 NT opening caused insoluble problems for N/S:

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West	North	East	South
McGann	Multon	Hanlon	Zimmermann
		1NT	All Pass

After the lead of the $\heartsuit A$ and another, declarer collected six tricks for a score of -50, but the damage had already been done earlier as the N/S partnership had no way to punish this type of opening bid. Ireland thus gained another 8 IMPs to win the match 41-34 or 12.03 – 7.97 V.P.



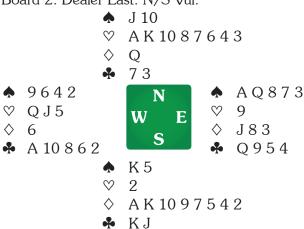


CAN YOU LOSE 4000 ON ONE BOARD?

by Ron Tacchi

This would not seem an easy feat but was achieved on Wednesday June 22. It was Round 24 in the Open and Round 12 in the Seniors.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



A husband and wife (partners – get it?) are both playing for one nation (we will keep that secret) one in the Open and the other in the Seniors. With both of them sitting South on board 18 one of them reached the somewhat dizzy heights of 6NT doubled and suffered a defeat by six tricks, -1700. In the other event, declarer climbed even higher to 7NT and lost eight tricks for -2300. A total loss of 4000 for the couple.





BLACKWOOD? YES PLEASE I'LL HAVE TWO.

by Ron Tacchi

The very first bridge player I partnered in a duplicate is here at these championships. As you can imagine in our early days as a complete newbie to bridge I was capable of many 'interesting' bids. He tells me this story from Round 20 in the Open.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ K87 A J 4 K 7 3 2 9532 AQJ1064 109542 QJ W 832 Q65 S 5 K83 K 10 9 7 AQJ986

South opened a natural 1%, North responded a constructive 2% whereupon East interjected 2% which provoked a 4% call from South. North interpreted this as Exclusion Blackwood and replied 4NT showing

0 or 3 Keycards. South then also interpreted this as Blackwood and responded accordingly. Fortunately after this excess of Blackwooding the final contract of 64 was reached for a push on the board.







PASSIVE RESISTANCE

by Miklós Csepeli

During the summer in the 1960's the Lukács swimming pool was very popular with bridge players. On the roof terrace we played on uncomfortable sun loungers from morning till late evening. Uncle Tibor was the playmaker; he was not known for mercy everyone had to play, whether he wanted to or not.

Except for Uncle Tibor, the players took turns at playing; one would just got up from the table for a few minutes for the purpose of dipping. In the crowded terrace sometimes more than just play at the bridge 'tables' was going on. Of course, 'civilians' also enjoyed the delights of the sun, not knowing the harmful effects of ultraviolet rays. Pretty women and girls were hoping for hours that they would become even more beautiful. Every day on a lounger there sat a lady in her thirties with a white-haired gentleman, and for one or two hours they engaged in lively conversation. More specifically, the lady remained silent, while the white-haired gentleman spoke gently, gesticulating all the while. It seemed as if a conductor were conducting a symphony for an unseen audience.

Géza Ottlik was that white-haired person. When he was not talking, he also played bridge as well - not like a player but also as an artist. You could tell that if he received an inner voice, he nervously stroked his grey head and whispered a few words to himself. If there was a beautiful woman around, she remained in the shadows. If there was a muse it would have been even better. However, the 'thought barrier' was very strong. In passive resistance waited Ottlik an age which has just reached the front edge. He could not bear false voices either in literature or bridge. Probably, in the terrace card-playing fraternity they were also falsely regarded, in the same way that the idea of attempting to perform Beethoven symphony on a sun lounger would be?

At this time Géza, who in our circles was called 'Cipi', a childhood nickname, did not compete at bridge; he appeared on the scene in the '70s. Then he played with the brilliant Laszlo Kovacs, who won the

pairs event in the 1937 World Championships, held in Budapest.

On the Lukács terrace initially I did not know that a giant was sitting thirty yards from me. Later we met frequently, but it was only a superficial connection. Once in a Balatonalmádi tournament in the late autumn sunshine we sat on the beach with one of his teammates. We talked about bridge - what else? A few meters away from us sat an elderly gentleman, came up to us and introduced himself: ". I am Zoltan Vas, I hear bridge words, I also play bridge". Vas was a retired communist leader from the upper circles. He was also an author of books, mainly about his life.

Of course, we introduced ourselves, but even though we met a bridge player...we changed the subject. Lot of things we talked about, mostly trivial things, but somehow we might have been affected by the company because when Vas suddenly said: "I have been a communist since 1919", Cipi immediately replied, "At that time it was not yet a disgrace." For a moment time stood still, but our new member of the company responded intelligently and invited us for a coffee in his villa. Indeed, after the 1956 revolution (in which he was involved and played a somewhat positive role) he chose to live, and opted for the pleasures of the Rose Hill and Almádi - instead of the 301 grave sites where after the revolution those people sentenced to death slept forever.

We thanked him for the invitation, but politely declined, citing lack of time. It would have been interesting to listen to the conversation of the two writers...

In 1976, at the Olympics held in Monte Carlo. Cipi was an Honorary Guest. Admirers could congratulate the artist for the first time. At home he was still in the shadows. He looked around the wonderful place and said "It's clear that the Russians were never here." He did not imagine that they were already at the gates. Luckily not with weapons, but with lots of money...







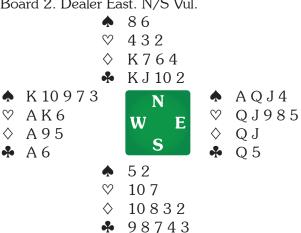
HUNGARY vs POLAND

by John Carruthers

Senior Teams, Round 15

Poland, as always one of the pre-tournament favourites, was in third place after four of the seven days' play, while Hungary needed to light the afterburners, being just below average.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Koltai	Lasocki	Kovacs	Russyan
		1 %	Pass
2◊*	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5◊*	Pass
6 4	All Pass		

 $2 \diamondsuit$ Natural, GF 4NT Key card ask 1 or 4 key cards 50

Koltai wanted to set up a game force, which One Spade would not have done. He was intending to play in hearts until Kovacs rebid in spades. Koltai could have asked for kings over the Five-Diamond response, since he could 'see' 13 tricks (five spades, five hearts, two aces and one king) if Kovacs had held just one minorsuit king and good major suits. However, West felt, quite reasonably, that it was inconceivable that East could hold good majors and refuse to make a control bid over Three Spades, signing off in Four Spades. He was right.

There was nothing to the play as declarer won the club lead, drew trumps, discarded a club on the hearts and took the diamond finesse for plus 980.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kowalski	Szappanos	Romanski	Magyar
_		1 %	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ^	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5 ♣ *	Pass
5◊*	Pass	5 ♠ *	Pass
6♣*	Pass	6♡*	Pass
7 ♠	All Pass		

4NT Key card ask

5**%** 1 or 4 key cards

5♦ Trump queen ask

5 Shows queen of spades

6 Grand slam try - anything else? (5NT would have asked for kings.)

6♡ Something in hearts

Kowalski and Romanski, usually pretty simpatico in the bidding, were not on the same page here. Kowalski thought that Romanski should have had a sixth heart, which would have made the grand slam very good. For his part, Romanski had not yet promised the queen of hearts, so he took the opportunity to do so. Might Kowalski have bid Three Hearts over Two Spades? And couldn't West have relayed for his partner's shape over $2 \spadesuit$?

The play followed the same pattern as in the Open Room, so Hungary gained 14 IMPs. Was justice served that the diamond finesse was offside? Your view might depend on with which team you're affiliated.





Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul. K 9 AQ53 AKQ1076 84 AQJ10763 K 6 J 10 7 4 W 2 853 K 10 9 7 AJ3982 J 9 4 Q8652

Open	Room
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West	North	East	South
Koltai	Lasocki	Kovacs	Russyan
1 ^	Dble	Pass	2♣
3♠	$4\diamondsuit$	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Russyan made a very aggressive raise to game. The spade lead was won by West's ace and he continued with the jack of spades to Lasocki's king. Declarer led a club, won by West with the jack. Koltai got out with a trump, won in dummy for a heart play. When West played the king, Lasocki won with his ace and, taking his eye off the ball, cashed a second diamond. When he then played the queen of hearts and another, East was able to win and remove dummy's last trump. A very annoyed Lasocki had to lose two heart tricks for minus 200.

Closed Room

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West	North	East	South
Kowalski	Szappanos	Romanski	Magyar
1 ^	Dble	Pass	2 ♣
3 ♠	4♦	All Pass	

Romanski led a spade. Kowalski won with his ace and returned the queen to declarer's king. Szappanos crossed to dummy to lead a heart. When West played the king, Szappanos won and played two more rounds of the suit, eventually ruffing his fourth heart in the dummy for plus 130. That was a surprise 8 IMPs to Hungary. Especially surprising since both Norths had missed the obvious 3NT call over 3.

I'm sure you can imagine, that if these were the most interesting boards in this match, just how dull this set was. The only other swings larger than 3 IMPs occurred when Poland missed a vulnerable game bid by Hungary and when Hungary made a partscore at both tables. There were nine pushes, two 1-IMP 'swings' and a 3-IMP swing.

The match, however, was extraordinary in one aspect: Poland did not score a single IMP in the 16 boards! The score was Hungary 43 – Poland 0. In the 180 matches played through the conclusion of Round 15, only one other match had resulted in a shutout, and the team shut out was near the bottom of the table. Hungary had done what they had to do, winning 18 Victory Points and moving them to the edge of contention, 16 VP in arrears of the sixth and last qualifying spot.

Most other matches in this round reflected its flatness, especially Israel-Bulgaria, won by Israel 8-1 with 12 pushes. However, three teams did mange to score in excess of 60 IMPs.



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WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN?

by Barry Rigal

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these, 'It might have been." John Greenleaf Whittier

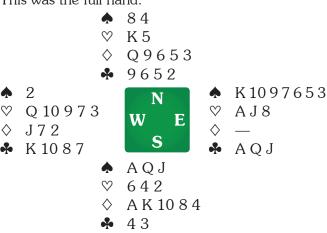
Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

^	2	
\Diamond	Q 10 9 7 3	
\Diamond	J 7 2	
*	K 10 8 7	



West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1 🛧	$2\Diamond$
Dble	$4\diamondsuit$	4 •	Dble
All Pass			

This deal from round 16 threw up an interesting single-dummy problem for the Finnish declarer in his match against Israel. I'm not absolutely convinced there is a clearly best line, but try the contract of $4 \spadesuit$ on the defence of the $\Diamond K$, ruffed in hand. What next? This was the full hand.



At the table, declarer played a club to dummy and led a spade to his nine, hoping for honour doubleton in the North hand. Eventually he fell back on finding the singleton heart king and duly finished one in the glue. His problem was that on the auction finding the heart finesse working was surely less than a 50% chance – notwithstanding that it works today.

At the time P-O Sundelin suggested a combination shot might have been best. Ruff the opening lead, try the club jack overtaken by the king. Then advance the ∇Q , unblocking the jack underneath it, if North wrong. And it would work today.







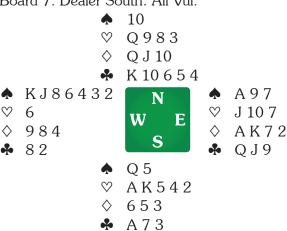
BULGARIA vs ISRAEL

by David Bird

Senior Teams, Round 15

This was a very low-scoring match, as you will see, but there were opportunities for big swings. We will look at some of them.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hristov	Schwarz	Rusev	Zeligman
	_		1 %
2 ♠	3♡	4	Pass
Pass	5♡	Dble	All Pass

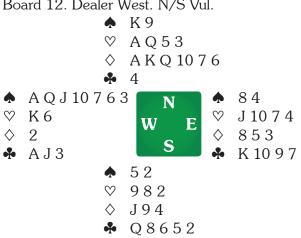


The 5% sacrifice went two down for 500 and $4\spadesuit$ would have gone down on a Q lead (or a heart lead and a diamond switch). The defenders can then prevent a diamond discard on the clubs. I was very surprised by the decision to bid 5♥ when North held some defensive values and had already made a limit bid. My surprise was intensified when the bidding was exactly the same at the other table, with Poplilov finding the unsuccessful 5 % bid.

Well, I will take a look at the results at the other tables. Ah, that's better. At the 24 tables only one other N/S pair sacrificed in 5%. The spade game was made 11 times and defeated only 6 times.

On the following board an enterprising bid by Schwarz went unrewarded:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hristov	Schwarz	Rusev	Zeligman
1♣*	$1 \diamondsuit$	Pass	Pass
1 ^	2 %	Pass	3♦
3♠	3NT	Pass	$4\diamondsuit$
All Pass			

West's 1♣ was Precision and East's pass indicated fewer than 5 points. At his third turn Schwarz bid 3NT, hoping that dummy's diamonds would include an entry to take the heart finesse for nine tricks on a spade lead. South had promised nothing with his correction from $2\heartsuit$ to $3\diamondsuit$ and it is puzzling why he should remove this excellent bid. Against 3NT, the defenders can take only three club tricks and a spade.

Schwartz made $4\diamondsuit$ by ruffing the fourth round of hearts. At the other table $4 \spadesuit$ went two down, giving Israel 1 IMP.



Soon afterwards, both South players missed a chance to beat 3NT.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

\spadesuit	10 3
\Diamond	K976
\Diamond	875
•	J843

J7542 Q432

K

752

N	1
W	E
5	5

AK6 105 AQ643

AKO

Q98 A J 8 J 10 9 2

1096

West	North	East	South
Hristov	Schwarz	Rusev	Zeligman
		1♣*	Pass
$1 \diamondsuit^*$	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West had the awkward '5 spades and 4 hearts' shape. He opted for Stayman, the response showing no major of 4 or 5 cards, and East ended in 3NT. It seemed that the spade game was a better contract.

Rusev won the $\lozenge J$ lead with dummy's $\lozenge K$ and crossed to the \(\frac{1}{2}K \). He continued with ace, queen and another diamond, North throwing a discouraging $\clubsuit 3$. (A low discard is rather charmingly described as 'No good' on their convention card.)

South was on lead and you can see that a switch to the $\heartsuit J$ or the $\heartsuit A$ will give the defenders four tricks for one down. Since declarer had used the club suit to enter his hand, the commentators were confidently expecting the game to be defeated. North could hold at most one good card and the VK would give the defenders a chance of beating the contract. South switched to the \$\infty\$8 and his partner's assessment of 'No good' was corroborated. The contract was made.

The auction was similar in the Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Kalish	Poplilov	Podgur	Lazarov
		$2 \diamondsuit^*$	Pass
$2 \heartsuit^*$	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the $\Diamond J$ to the king and declarer crossed to the A. He played more strongly than his counterpart, conceding a diamond at trick 3 to prevent North from signalling. South won and once again seemed to have an attractive heart switch. He placed the 40 on the table and another chance of a big swing had been

Hristov made a good bidding decision on the last board of the match but the cards let him down.













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Board 16.Dealer West. E/W Vul.

832 7 6 Q97532 86 K 6 5 4 A Q 10 9 N 4 AQJ109 W KJ84 106 ♣ K1094 52 J 7 K8532 AQJ73

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hristov	Schwarz	Rusev	Zeligman
Pass	Pass	1 %	2♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

The commentators could see that 4 would be easy and were rather expecting West to make a negative double on the first round. No, he passed and decided to defend when partner reopened with a double. The more you look at it, the better such a decision was. He was playing Precision, so the chance of an E/W game was diminished – particularly as he held a singleton in

partner's suit. Picking up 300 or 500 would be a good board if it was indeed a part-score deal.

East won the heart lead with the ace and switched to a trump. Declarer does best to play an honour. When he played low, West won with the \$9 and switched to a diamond. Declarer won with the bare ace and ducked a heart to East's 9. East now had a chance to make his partner's bidding decision look very good indeed. If he switches to spades, the defenders can take the contract four down for 800. Understandably, he preferred to play another trump and 500 was collected.

Contrary to West's initial hopes, his side did have a makeable game their way. What would happen at the other table?

West	North	East	South
Kalish	Poplilov	Podgur	Lazarov
Pass	Pass	$1 \heartsuit$	2♣
Dble	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ^	All Pass		

The Israelis do not play a strong club system, so it was less attractive to play for penalties. West opted for a negative double and the spade game was easily bid and made. It the biggest swing of the match! 4 IMPs to Israel and a final score of 8 IMPs to 1 in their favour (12.03VPs to 7.97).



AK987

Q 10 2

KQ43

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THE TWELVE MYSTERIOUS IMPs-QUIZ

by Jan van Cleeff

Quiz:

What do the following four players have in common:



Herbert Klumpp German Seniors



Nicolas Dechellette France Seniors

Well, have a look at this hand:

Open Round 28, Women & Seniors Round 16 Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.



J654 7 4 K Q 10 A 7 6 2



Q 3 A 7 4 3 2 J 9



Looks dull, isn' t it? E/W will surely bid and make 4♠. Due to the favourable trump position declarer is bound to lose only three tricks - two in hearts and one in diamond – and therefore make his contract. So it didn't came as a surprise that almost all declarers made their spade game. But not all of them. The above mentioners players, all positioned South, kicked of with \$\dagger\$3! Who could blame declarer afterwards misjudging the trump suit, giving away 12 IMPs?



Amir Levin Israel Open



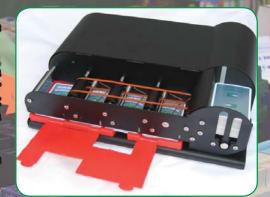
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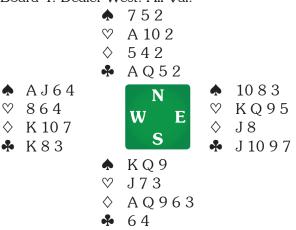
ALL QUIET ON THE WEST FRONT

by Mark Horton

When Germany met Belgium in Round 23 the deals were uninspiring - there were nine flat boards and not a single double digit swing.

A couple of deals are, however, worth mentioning:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schwerdt	De Donder	Linde	De Roos
Pass	Pass	Pass	$1 \diamondsuit$
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

East led the jack of clubs and when West put up the king, declarer ducked. He took the club continuation with the ace and played a diamond for the eight, nine and ten. West switched to the six of hearts and East won with the queen and returned the eight of spades. When Declarer put up the king West decided to duck, which gave declarer a chance. If he exits with the queen of diamonds, he sets up the suit, at the same time keeping East off lead and cannot be denied seven tricks.

However, declarer played the jack of hearts, going up with the ace when West showed no reaction, cashed the queen of clubs and played a diamond to the queen. When that lost to the king the defenders quickly took the rest, -300.

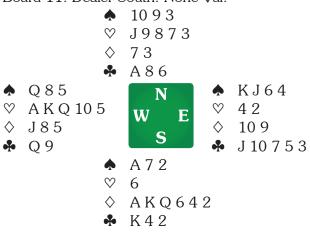
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Engel	Auken	Coenraets	Welland
1 ♣	Pass	1 %	Pass
1	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

West led the four of hearts and East won with the

queen and switched to the eight of spades for the queen and ace. A heart to the king saw East continue with the ten of spades and declarer won with the queen and ducked a diamond to West's ten. After cashing two spades West exited with a heart to dummy's ace. At this point a diamond to the queen should give declarer six tricks, but he played one to the ace and was three down, -300, no swing.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schwerdt	De Donder	Linde	De Roos
_	_	_	$1 \diamondsuit$
1 %	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	1NT	Pass	$2\Diamond$
All Pass			

Declarer scored +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Engel	Auken	Coenraets	Welland
_			$1 \diamondsuit$
1♡	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

The South hand is worth 19.50 on the K & R Hand Evaluator and according to the BBO Operator declarer had the 3NT card in his hand but then put it back.

Had he stuck to his guns he would have picked up a game swing.

17 Pairs in the Open reached 3NT, 7 in the Womens and 13 in the Seniors.



Sweden open: Fredrik Nyström, Johan Upmark, Frederic Wrang, Jan Lagerman(NPC), Frederic Wrang, Johan

Sylvan, Ola Rimstedt
The first five are the same as in Chennai when we won the silver medals in the world Championship 2015. The twin brothers Rimstedt are only 20 years old and are debuting in the open class, but they are well known in junior Championships where they have gold or silver medals from the last two years. (by Carina Wademark)

Igazi favoritok. 2015-ben Chennaiban a csapat a 2. helyen végzett a Bermuda-kupában, a Rimstedt fivérek ugyanebben az évben Opatijában megnyerték az ifjúsági világbajnokságot.



Sweden ladies: Catharina Ahlesved, Ida Grönkvist, Maria Grönkvist, Kathrine Bertheau, BG Olofsson (NPC), Pia Andersson, Cecilia Rimstedt, Carina Wademark (Coach) A team full of experience and medals from Championships, but it was some years ago since the latest. Now it's time for us play us in to the World Championships again. (by Carina Wademark)



Svédország női csapata a favoritok közé tartozik, bármikor képesek dobogós helyezést elérni. A csapatot erősíti az egyik Rimstedt nővér, másikuk (Sandra) most nincs a benevezett játékosok között (fivéreik, Mikael és Olá tavaly ifjúsági világbajnokságot nyertek).



Sweden seniors: Bengt-Erik Efraimsson, Johnny Ostberg, Tommy Gullberg (NPC), S-Å Bjerregaard, PG Eliasson, Anders

Morath, Mats Axdorph, Carina Wademark (coach)
The first six are the same as in Chennai when we won the silver medals in the world Championship 2015. Bengt-Erik has won medals in many open Championships, the latest being silver in the open European pairs in Tromsö 2015. Mats Axdorph was Captain for the Sweden team who won the gold medals in WSMG in Lille 2012. (by Carina Wademark)

Ebben a csapatban is igazi ászok játszanak, Anders (Morot) Morath Jörgen Lindqvisttel, Per Olof Sundelinnel és Sven-Olov (Tjolpe) Flodqvisttel a 70-es, 80-as évek csapatának erőssége volt, 1977-ben csapat Európa-bajnoklett, ezen kívül több dobogós helyezést is elért.

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RESULTS OPEN TEAMS

	1 2 3	ROMANIA UKRAINE NORWAY	SPAIN ITALY LATVIA	47 1 33	51 51 31	8.80 0.84 10.61	11.20 19.16 9.39			
	4	IRELAND	BELGIUM	19	50	3.12	16.88			
	5	WALES	MONACO	14	76	0.00	20.00			
	6 7	FAROE ISLANDS FRANCE	BULGARIA SCOTLAND	13 41	18 27	8.52 13.75	11.48 6.25			
	8	TURKEY	PORTUGAL	24	26	9.39	10.61			
	9	AUSTRIA	DENMARK	24	16	12.29	7.71			
_	10	BELARUS POLAND	ISRAEL CYPRUS	23 63	50 2	3.74 20.00	16.26 0.00			
2	11 12	SWITZERLAND	CROATIA	35	39	8.80	11.20			
	13	HUNGARY	RUSSIA	38	12	16.09	3.91			
7	14	GEORGIA GERMANY	ENGLAND CZECH REPUBLIC	6	65 26	0.07 6.03	19.93			
5	15 16	ICELAND	GREECE	87	14	20.00	13.97 0.00			
5	17	FINLAND	ESTONIA	31	30	10.31	9.69			
ROUND	18 19	SERBIA SWEDEN	NETHERLANDS Bye	11	33	4.62 12	15.38 0.00			
	1	SCOTLAND	ROMANIA	35	36	9.69	10.31	DA	BILLIBIO	
	2	DENMARK	PORTUGAL	29	28	10.31	9.69	KA	NKING	
	3	LATVIA BULGARIA	ISRAEL ENGLAND	35 51	43 18	7.71 17.17	12.29 2.83	AF	TER RO	UND 30
	5	MONACO	CYPRUS	81	22	19.93	0.07	1	FRANCE	396.99
	6	BELGIUM	CROATIA	28	40	6.72	13.28			
	7	ITALY	NETHERLANDS	26	31	8.52	11.48	2	MONACO	396.94
	9	NORWAY SPAIN	CZECH REPUBLIC GREECE	38	21 36	19.52 10.61	0.48 9.39	3	SWEDEN	388.72
00	10	UKRAINE	ESTONIA	37	45	7.71	12.29	4	NETHERLAN	DS379.83
28	11	SWEDEN	GERMANY	18	31	6.48	13.52	5	GERMANY	372.89
_	12 13	IRELAND WALES	SERBIA FINLAND	33 62	40 27	7.97 17.45	12.03 2.55	6	ITALY	366.75
ROUND	14	FAROE ISLANDS	ICELAND	7	55	1.03	18.97	7	BULGARIA	365.09
	15	FRANCE		42	31	13.04	6.96	8	ENGLAND	363.97
\geq	16 17	TURKEY AUSTRIA	GEORGIA HUNGARY	67 15	30 26	17.72 6.96	2.28 13.04	9	NORWAY	356.78
9	18	BELARUS	SWITZERLAND	55	51	11.20	8.80			
\simeq	19	RUSSIA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00		POLAND	351.09
	1	NETHERLANDS	ROMANIA	33	17	14.18	5.82	11	ISRAEL	348.98
	2	GREECE	LATVIA	39	28	13.04	5.96		HUNGARY	348.57
	3	CZECH REPUBLIC ENGLAND	ESTONIA	14	16 42	9.39	10.61	13	ICELAND	333.10
	4 5	RUSSIA	FINLAND ICELAND	31 26	19	6.96 12.03	13.04 7.97	14	SPAIN	330.06
	6	CROATIA		46	36	12.80	7.20	15	IRELAND	329.87
	7	CYPRUS	SERBIA	32	42	7.20	12.80		FINLAND	319.89
	8	ISRAEL DENMARK	HUNGARY SWITZERLAND	46 32	17 51	16.58 5.20	3.42 14.80	17	TURKEY	308.86
6	10	PORTUGAL	POLAND	54	0	19.52	0.48		SERBIA	306.24
2	11	SCOTLAND		51	18	17.17	2.83			
_	12 13	BULGARIA MONACO	AUSTRIA TURKEY	29 39	36 11	7.97 16.42	12.03 3.58	19	ESTONIA	304.28
	14	BELGIUM	FRANCE	20	8	13.28	6.72	20	BELGIUM	304.26
	15	ITALY		66	15	19.25	0.75	21	CROATIA	299.23
ROUND	16 17	NORWAY SPAIN		43 35	34 44	12.55 7.45	7.45 12.55	22	DENMARK	291.58
\mathcal{Q}	18	UKRAINE		58	29	16.58	3.42	23	AUSTRIA	287.93
	19	BELARUS	Bye	0	0	12	0.00	24	GREECE	278.17
	1	ROMANIA	NORWAY	18	32	6.25	13.75	25	SWITZERLAN	
	2	LATVIA	UKRAINE	22	39	5.61	14.39	26	ROMANIA	264.54
	3	ITALY SWEDEN	SPAIN MONACO	21 36	18 38	10.91 9.39	9.09 10.61			
	5	IRELAND	BULGARIA	22	26	8.80	11.20	27	RUSSIA	263.13
	6	FAROE ISLANDS	BELGIUM	37	23	13.75	6.25	28	CZECH REP.	
	7 8	FRANCE TURKEY	DENMARK ISRAEL	18 38	34 34	5.82 11.20	14.18 8.80	29	UKRAINE	258.19
	9	AUSTRIA	SCOTLAND	34	27	12.03	7.97	30	WALES	244.84
0	10	BELARUS	PORTUGAL	11	34	4.44	15.56	31	PORTUGAL	241.36
3	11	POLAND		46	4	18.33	1.67	32	LATVIA	232.62
_	12 13	SWITZERLAND HUNGARY		12 66	35 0	4.44 20.00	15.56 0.00	33	FAROE ISLA	
OUND	14	GEORGIA	CROATIA	26	20	11.76	8.24	34	BELARUS	224.19
5	15	GERMANY	ESTONIA	28	36	7.71	12.29	35	SCOTLAND	195.98
Z	16 17	ICELAND FINLAND	NETHERLANDS CZECH REPUBLIC	5 28	40 29	2.55 9.69	17.45 10.31			
	18	SERBIA	GREECE	22	47	4.08	15.92		GEORGIA	185.22
~	19	WALES	Bye	0	0	12	0.00	37	CYPRUS	156.11
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		13 14	15 16		17	18	19	ROS	TERS F	RESULTS



RESULTS WOMEN TEAMS

	21	SERBIA	ISRAEL	53	26	16.26	3.74
	22	RUSSIA	PORTUGAL	23	18	11.48	8.52
10	23	SCOTLAND	ITALY	37	28	12.55	7.45
70	24	SAN MARINO	TURKEY	13	37	4.26	15.74
_	25	POLAND	IRELAND	47	13	17.31	2.69
	26	DENMARK	HUNGARY	28	41	6.48	13.52
	27	SPAIN	SWEDEN	18	51	2.83	17.17
ROUND	28	ESTONIA	GERMANY	35	31	11.20	8.80
	29	NETHERLANDS	GREECE	33	16	14.39	5.61
$\overline{}$	30	NORWAY	FINLAND	25	11	13.75	6.25
\sim	31	BULGARIA	ENGLAND	20	55	2.55	17.45
	32	FRANCE	Bye	0	0	12	0.00
	21	TURKEY	FRANCE	26	49	4.44	15.56
	22	PORTUGAL	SCOTLAND	5	64	0.07	19.93
	23	ITALY	SAN MARINO	58	28	16.73	3.27
16	24	POLAND	GERMANY	52	15	17.72	2.28
	25	DENMARK	IRELAND	57	6	19.25	0.75
	26	SPAIN	HUNGARY	25	32	7.97	12.03
ROUND	27	ESTONIA	SWEDEN	23	41	5.40	14.60
	28	NETHERLANDS	ISRAEL	20	36	5.82	14.18
	29	NORWAY	GREECE	64	28	17.59	2.41
$\overline{}$	30	BULGARIA	FINLAND	51	32	14.80	5.20
\simeq	31	SERBIA	ENGLAND	13	61	1.03	18.97
	32	RUSSIA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00
	21	SERBIA	BULGARIA	38	26	13.28	6.72
	22	NORWAY	NETHERLANDS	22	24	9.39	10.61
_	23	ESTONIA	SPAIN	17	32	6.03	13.97
	24	DENMARK	POLAND	35	39	8.80	11.20
	25	RUSSIA	FRANCE	37	1	17.59	2.41
	26	TURKEY	ITALY	26	43	5.61	14.39
	27	HUNGARY	IRELAND	29	11	14.60	5.40
Z	28	GERMANY	SWEDEN	21	16	11.48	8.52
	29	FINLAND	GREECE	45	29	14.18	5.82
$\overline{}$	30	ISRAEL	ENGLAND	9	9	10.00	10.00
ROUND	31	SAN MARINO	SCOTLAND	10	28	5.40	14.60
	32	PORTUGAL	Bye	0	0	12	0.00
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RANKING AFTER ROUND 17

1	POLAND	238.56
2	ENGLAND	237.67
3	FRANCE	236.00
4	NETHERLANDS	S220.36
5	RUSSIA	219.79
6	ISRAEL	211.12
7	DENMARK	208.65
8	NORWAY	202.99
9	SWEDEN	198.45
10	ITALY	195.15
11	TURKEY	193.61
12	GERMANY	185.63
13	HUNGARY	162.17
14	FINLAND	152.99
15	SCOTLAND	148.23
16	SERBIA	144.21
17	PORTUGAL	132.12
18	ESTONIA	131.35
19	SPAIN	131.10
20	BULGARIA	120.54
21	GREECE	116.19
22	IRELAND	91.32
23	SAN MARINO	53.30





RESULTS SENIORS TEAMS

ROUND 15	41	PORTUGAL	IRELAND	6	23	5.61	14.39
	42	AUSTRIA	DENMARK	65	20	18.66	1.34
	43	SPAIN	NORWAY	6	67	0.00	20.00
	44	SCOTLAND	SWEDEN	31	26	11.48	8.52
	45	ESTONIA	TURKEY	16	35	5.20	14.80
	46	ISRAEL	BULGARIA	8	1	12.03	7.97
	47	FINLAND	NETHERLANDS	59	11	18.97	1.03
	48	GERMANY	FRANCE	24	2	15.38	4.62
	49	WALES	ITALY	39	40	9.69	10.31
Q	50	BELGIUM	ENGLAND	20	41	4.81	15.19
	51	HUNGARY	POLAND	43	0	18.44	1.56
	52	ROMANIA	SERBIA	62	16	18.77	1.23
	41	PORTUGAL	DENMARK	21	44	4.44	15.56
	42	IRELAND	AUSTRIA	52	39	13.52	6.48
10	43	SPAIN	SWEDEN	57	34	15.56	4.44
) 16	44	NORWAY	SCOTLAND	42	21	15.19	4.81
	45	ESTONIA	BULGARIA	36	40	7.80	11.20
	46	TURKEY	ISRAEL	31	38	7.97	12.03
ROUND	47	FINLAND	FRANCE	7	85	0.00	20.00
	48	NETHERLANDS	GERMANY	14	56	1.67	18.33
\supset	49	WALES	ENGLAND	26	38	6.72	13.28
	50	ITALY	BELGIUM	45	29	14.18	5.82
\sim	51	ROMANIA	POLAND	22	56	2.69	17.31
	52	SERBIA	HUNGARY	37	37	10.00	10.00
	41	POLAND	ENGLAND	16	22	8.24	11.76
	41	HUNGARY	BELGIUM	38	37	10.31	9.69
	42	ROMANIA	WALES	36	21	13.97	6.03
ROUND 17	43	FRANCE	DENMARK	20	36	5.82	14.18
	45	GERMANY	AUSTRIA	11	51	1.91	18.09
	46	NETHERLANDS	IRELAND	33	19	13.75	6.25
	46	FINLAND	PORTUGAL	21	20	10.31	9.69
	48	BULGARIA	SWEDEN	38	38	10.31	10.00
	49	ISRAEL	SCOTLAND	18	25	7.97	12.03
	50	TURKEY	NORWAY	39	4	17.45	2.55
	51	ESTONIA	SPAIN	10	35	4.08	15.92
	52	ITALY	SERBIA	67	1	20.00	0.00
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RANKING AFTER ROUND 17

1	ISRAEL	221.33
2	AUSTRIA	208.90
3	ITALY	206.99
4	POLAND	204.05
5	SWEDEN	202.89
6	ENGLAND	197.34
7	BULGARIA	196.86
8	TURKEY	194.19
9	DENMARK	192.86
10	GERMANY	187.05
11	IRELAND	180.65
12	FRANCE	180.09
13	NORWAY	179.04
14	NETHERLAND	S177.65
15	HUNGARY	176.50
16	BELGIUM	155.55
17	ROMANIA	152.31
18	SCOTLAND	146.76
19	FINLAND	144.38
20	PORTUGAL	135.43
21	SPAIN	132.41
22	ESTONIA	121.95
23	WALES	106.75
24	SERBIA	68.07













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